| FORM B10 (Official Form 10) (Rev. 4/98)   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  |   |
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| United States Bankruptcy Court SOUTHERN DISTRI<br>61288, Houston TX 77208 (Houston Div  | CT OF TEXAS P.O.Box ision)   | PROOF OF CLAIM  |
| Name of Debtors   | Case Number  |   |
| Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation  Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation  Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation  | 00-35078-H2-11<br>00-35079-H2-11<br>00-35080-H2-11   | 788-39904<br>Creditor ID#:  |
| *place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against  |  | United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas FILED   |
| Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property):  | Check box if you are aware that anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim.  Attach copy of statement                 |   |
| M & L Service Co.   | giving particulars.  | Michael N. Milby, Clerk   |
| Name and address where notices should be sent:  ***********************************   | Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case  |   |
| M & L Service Co. 904 E 4th St Junction City KS 66441-2828  | Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the   |   |
| Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor:  | Check here replaces  |   |
| Stage   |  | viously filed claim, dated:   |
| 1. Basis for Claim  Goods sold  | Retiree benefits as defined in 11 la Wages, salaries, and compensation Your SS#: Unpaid compensation for services from                 | on (Fill out below) performed   |
| 2. Date debt was incurred: 5-24-2000  | 3. If court judgment, date of  |   |
| 4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ 49609 If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also completed. Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in additional charges.  |  | Attach itemized statement of all interest or  |
| 5. Secured Claim Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff).   | 6. Unsecured Priority Claim Check this box if you have an Amount entitled to priority \$   | unsecured priority claim  |
| Brief Description of Collateral: Real Estate Motor Vehicle Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate  | Specify the priority of the claim  — Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to the bankruptcy petition or cessation of U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) | n:<br>5 \$4,300),* earned within 90 days before filing of<br>the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11             |
| Value of Collateral: \$   | personal, family, or household use - 11 Alimony, maintenance, or support ower 507(a)(7).   | hase, lease, or rental of property or services for U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). d to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. |
| Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any \$   | Other - opecity applicable paragraph c   | of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a). (198 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to adjustment.                                      |
| the purpose of making this proof of claim.  8. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, conficult judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.  9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of you enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim. | tracts,<br>of lien.  |   |
| Date Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or oth  | ner person authorized to file this claim  e(a, J. Hulen  e Manager)  | 618   |
| Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000  | 0 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.  | 18 U.S.C. 88 152 and 3571   |

## M & L Services 904 E 4th 785-238-3495 Junction City, KS 66441

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| DATE    | INVOICE # |  |
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| 5/24/00 | 451       |  |

| BILL TO                                    | <br><u>,                                     </u> |
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| Stage<br>PO Box 35668<br>Houston TX. 77235 |   |
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| <br>P.O. NO.  | TERMS    | DUE DATE | REPJOB            |
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| <br>W00003278 | net 10th | 6/10/00  | 1031 N Washington |

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|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| ITEM             | QTY          | DESCRIP                       | ΓΙΟΝ            | RATE   | AMOUNT     |
| NSG145           |              | 3hp 460V motor                |                 | 324.90 | 324.90T    |
| 001              |              | service charge                |                 | 120.00 | 120.00T    |
| freight          |              | freight                       |                 | 18.42  | 18.42      |
| •                |              | replace motor on back rocunit | oftop condensor |        |            |
|                  |              | sales tax                     |                 | 7.15%  | 31.81      |
|                  |              |                               |                 |        |            |
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| Thank you for yo | ur business. |                               | Ţ               | otal   | \$495.13   |

1.5% INTEREST A MONTH ON BALANCES NOT PAID BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH FOR AN ANNUAL INTEREST OF 18%

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6/26/00

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Houston TX. 77235

PO Box 35668

| AMOUNT DUE | AMOUNT ENC. |
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| \$499.04   |             |

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|----------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| DATE                 |  | TRANSACTION            |                        | AMOUNT                      | BALANCE    |
| 05/23/00<br>05/24/00 | Balance forward INV #451 - replace motor on back rooftop condensor |                        | 495.13                 | 0.00<br>495.13              |            |
| 06/26/00             | INV #FC 271 - Finance Charge                                       |                        |                        | 3.91                        | 499.04     |
|                      |  |                        |                        |                             |            |
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| CURRENT              | 1-30 DAYS<br>PAST DUE  | 31-60 DAYS<br>PAST DUE | 61-90 DAYS<br>PAST DUE | OVER 90<br>DAYS PAST<br>DUE | AMOUNT DUE |
| 3.91                 | 495.13   | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 0.00                        | \$499.04   |
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## Stage Stores Inc.

## WORK ORDER

Work Order #: W000032788

Trade: HVAC/Maintenance

Date: 05/12/2000

Not To Exceed Amt: S

500.00

Responsible/Contact:

Vendor ID: Company:

Address:

City: State:

Zip:

M & L Services Attn: 785-238-3495 Phone:

Fax:

785-238-3495

Address: P. O. Box 35668

Houston City:

TX State:

77235 Zip:

(713) 218-4470 Phone:

Priority: Critical

Status: Repair Scheduled

Reported/Issued by: John

Store Number: 0539

Store Name: Address:

Junction City, Kansas 1031 S. Washington

City:

Junction City

State:

K\$ 66441

Zip: Phone:

(785) 762-7940

Work Description

05/12/2000 11:32:36 (SA) 785-238-3495 - sending tech out

Store called - AC in the back of store is not working. Scheduled M & L Services